(b) if so, the action Government are taking to improve the condition of roads in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether there is any plan to provide Central aid in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Only limited lengths of National Highways have been damaged by floods.

(b) Immediate restoration measures have already been completed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Funds are provided based on the total availability of funds or the entire country extent of damages and *inter-se*-priority.

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474. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created a National Road Fund of approximately Rs. 6000 crore per annum by levying a cess or Rs. 1 per liter on diesel;

(b) if so, the amount so far accumalated in this fund; and

(c) the manner in which the amount out of this fund so far allocated to various States for development of roads, with particular reference to Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) The Government has revamped Central Road Fund by levying a cess at the rate of Re. 1.00 per liter on petrol and diesel. The rate of cess was increased by 50 paise since 2003-04 and further increased by additional 50 paise since 2005-06. The total amount since 2000-01 made available from this fund is Rs. 38410.76 crore.

(c) The funds earmarked for the development of State roads including those of Maharashtra are distributed to the State based on 60 per cent fuel consumption in the State and 40 per cent georaphical area of the State.